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A winter sunset on Mount Shasta in Siskiyou county. Siskiyou County Schools are on the growing list of over 200 agencies participating in the CalPERS Employers’ Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Fund. Learn about new requirements and find dates and locations of upcoming CERBT Fund Workshops on page 4.



## PERT to Provide New Education and Training

As we prepare for the my|CalPERS launch, the Public Employer Readiness Team (PERT) is busy planning how to deliver training to all our external business partners.

PERT will offer training on how to use the new my|CalPERS system. This instruction will be designed to help you get ready for the implementation, including file readiness testing, system testing, and training your staff to use my|CalPERS.

Because PERT realizes that everyone learns in different ways, we are preparing to deliver training in several formats to match individual learning styles. Over a period of several months, computer-based training, instructor-led training, and online training will be available to you and your staff.

Training will be offered in modules depending on the needs of your organization for information related to the Retirement Program, Health Program, and Supplemental Income 457 Plan (SIP), in separate or combined subjects. It’s your choice, in terms of subjects, where, and how you want to learn.

### Computer-Based Training (CBT)

We recommend taking our online CBT courses before you and your staff sign up for the instructor-led training.

Here are some of the subjects you can expect:

- my|CalPERS Overview and Demographics
- Profile Maintenance
- Payroll Contribution Reporting Overview
- Health Enrollment Overview
- Making Payments Overview
- Retirement Enrollment Overview

By looking ahead at the duties and responsibilities of your staff, you will be able to decide which modules are appropriate for personnel in your organization. Taking the CBTs will help prepare you and your staff for other subjects and learning opportunities before the new system is implemented.

### Instructor-Led Training

PERT plans to offer instructor-led training both online and in face-to-face workshops. How you receive this training is up to you. In either case, you’ll be taken into the my|CalPERS system. The only difference is that you will have a “hands-on” opportunity at the in-person workshop in which you enter data into the simulated system,



Get ready for the new my|CalPERS with PERT. We're here to give you the training that works best for you and your organization.

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while the online training will feature the instructor entering the data. The experience you receive will depend upon whether you want to train at your office with your computer, or you want to learn in a classroom environment. In both instances, you will have the opportunity to ask the instructor questions and offer comments about the business activity simulations.

Here are some of the topics you can expect:

- Payroll Contribution Reporting
- Maintain Health Enrollment
- Maintain Retirement Enrollment
- Making Payments

Again, it will be your decision whether you want to learn in the office or at a location that's close to where you work. In other words, you'll choose the time and the place – and what type of learning works best for you.


### More Information

We know that you will want information on how to navigate within the new system, the latest on all of the features and functions of my|CalPERS, and a smooth as possible transition to all of the self-service capabilities that will be at your fingertips. Please visit our Web

pages often so that you will have the latest information available. You can also refresh what you previously learned by revisiting the presentations you experienced in past Web conferences and in-person workshops. We also have other resources for you, including:

- Technical Toolkit
- Data Element Definitions
- Designating a System Access Administrator
- The Decision Maker's Guide to Employer Reporting
- Frequently Asked Questions

### What's Next

When the training is available for this final phase, PERT will notify those whom you designated as your organization's primary contact. Information will be available via email and on the PERT area of *CalPERS On-Line* at  [www.calpers.ca.gov/pert](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/pert). Once again, PERT will make signing up for the training fast and easy with an online process that will allow you to make your choices. We'll make it simple for you to find the courses you want, and we will help you every step of the way.

PERT looks forward to presenting you with the training opportunities to help you get ready for the new business environment that will revolutionize the way you interact with CalPERS.





# Shared Values – CalPERS Educational Forum 2009

The 2009 CalPERS Educational Forum proved to be another quality event for employers. More than 500 employer representatives from school districts, public agencies, community colleges, and State agencies joined us at the Santa Clara Convention Center and Santa Clara Hyatt Regency on October 26-28.

The Forum was an excellent opportunity for employers to learn about program enhancements and new services, as well as network and share information. Organized around the theme of **Shared Values**, the Forum gave CalPERS and California's public employers a vehicle to share some important values, such as protecting the retirement and health security of hard-working public employees. We share the goal of minimizing the rising cost of health benefits, while protecting quality care. We share concern about the deep economic recession and its impact on tax revenues and pension fund investments. The Forum addressed all these topics and attendees came away more informed about the future path between CalPERS and California's public employers.

## Entertaining and Informative

Monday's luncheon program showcased CalPERS Board of Administration member Tony Oliveira with Bobby Seals and the Whiskey River Band as they saluted public employers and their employees. On Tuesday, we heard from Dr. Sheri D. Pruitt, Director of Behavioral Science Integration of the Kaiser Permanente Medical Group, Inc. Dr. Pruitt is an expert in behavioral medicine and health psychology and spoke to us about how to close the gap between intentions and results.

## Education Everywhere

In addition to the learning opportunities in the workshops, virtually all CalPERS programs were represented in the exhibit area. Attendees engaged in

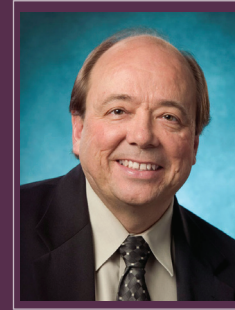
detailed discussions with CalPERS staff from such areas as the Supplemental Income Programs and Public Agency Contracts unit. Others took advantage of the chance to schedule one-on-one meetings with CalPERS actuaries and Reportable Compensation staff. Health plan representatives were also available to help attendees learn about stress prevention, take a bone density test, and even get a flu shot.

There was also an opportunity to learn more about the new my|CalPERS system. More than half of the attendees stopped by the my|CalPERS workshop room to get a first look at computer-based training modules. Employers were able to sample new business processes and previewed how they will interact with the new system. They saw first-hand how my|CalPERS is going to make doing business with CalPERS faster, more reliable, and more cost-effective.

## Recognizing Excellence

Before Tuesday's keynote address CalPERS Board Vice President George Diehr presented the 2009 "Spotlight on Excellence" award to Encina Wastewater Authority for their contribution to provide safe, reliable wastewater treatment services for more than 300,000 residents in North San Diego County.

The final day of the Forum featured the popular question-and-answer session with CalPERS Executive Staff. A wide variety of topics were discussed, from detailed benefit questions to CalPERS future investment plans.



Ken is known for his commitment to serving the needs of our employers and will retire March 1, 2010.

A memory book is being created that Ken can take with him in retirement. CalPERS invites you to send your memories and retirement wishes to be included in Ken's memory book by emailing your thoughts to

 [linda\\_evans@calpers.ca.gov](mailto:linda_evans@calpers.ca.gov).

## Special Announcement

A salute was given to Ken Marzion by Board President Rob Feckner, Chief Executive Officer Anne Stausboll and Chief Actuary Ron Seeling. Ken is a long time employee of CalPERS and widely known for his commitment to serving the needs of our employers in his role in CalPERS Actuarial and Employer Services Branch. Ken, along with Chief Actuary Ron Seeling, launched the annual CalPERS Educational Forum 10 years ago. Ken will be retiring March 1, 2010, and he will be sorely missed.

Thank you to those who attended our Forum. For those of you who were unable to attend, we hope you will join us next year at the Renaissance Esmeralda Resort in Indian Wells on October 25-27, 2010. More information will be available in upcoming issues of *Employer News*.



Shared values.

Turn to the back cover for a sampling of comments from Forum guests.

# CERBT Fund Workshops on New GASB Requirements

The California Employers' Retiree Benefit Trust (CERBT) Fund is a CalPERS trust fund dedicated to prefunding other post-employment benefits (OPEB) such as retiree health care. Since its establishment in March 2007, over 200 public agencies have joined and contributed more than \$1 billion toward prefunding the retiree health benefits of over 160,000 active and retired employees.

## New Requirements

In December 2009, the Governmental

Accounting Standards Board (GASB) released Statement No. 57, which amends Statements 43 and 45, to address issues related to the measurement of OPEB obligations by employers participating in agent multiple-employer plans, such as the CERBT. These new GASB requirements will affect nearly all employers in the CERBT Fund.



To help you understand the implications of GASB 57, CalPERS staff will begin conducting workshops throughout the State in February.

These workshops, titled "New OPEB Reporting Requirements (GASB 57)", should be attended by every participating CERBT employer, and will include the following topics:

- What are the new reporting requirements?
- What do these new reporting requirements mean to CERBT employers?
- Valuation date alignment for all participating employers

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## CERBT Fund Workshops

All CERBT Fund Workshop dates consist of two sessions. The morning session is "Introduction to the CERBT" and the afternoon session is "New OPEB Financial Reporting Requirements (GASB 57)". You may attend one or both of the sessions. For specific times and registration information, please visit our web page  [www.calpers.ca.gov/cerbt](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/cerbt) and select  "CERBT Fund Workshops." Meetings are subject to change.

Location	Date / Time	Address
Sacramento	February 9	CalPERS Headquarters 400 Q Street, Room 1821/1831, Lincoln Plaza East, Sacramento
Orange	February 18	Orange Regional Office 500 North State College Blvd., Suite 750, Orange
Fresno	February 23	Fresno Regional Office 10 River Park Place East, Suite 230, Fresno
San Diego	February 25	San Diego Regional Office 7676 Hazard Center Drive, Suite 350, San Diego
Redding	March 2	Red Lion Inn 1830 Hilltop Drive, Sierra Room, Redding
Eureka	March 3	Red Lion Inn 1929 Fourth Street, Oak Room, Eureka
Walnut Creek	March 9	Walnut Creek Regional Office 1340 Treat Blvd., Suite 200, Walnut Creek
San Jose	March 10	San Jose Regional Office 181 Metro Drive, Suite 520, San Jose
Glendale	March 18	Glendale Regional Office 655 North Central Avenue, Suite 1400, Glendale
San Bernardino	March 23	San Bernardino Regional Office 650 East Hospitality Lane, Suite 330, San Bernardino
Truckee	April 6	Truckee Sanitary District 12204 Joerger Drive, Truckee
Thousand Oaks	April 13	Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza 2100 Thousand Oaks Blvd, Board Room, Thousand Oaks


## Connect With Us Online

CalPERS offers many ways to stay informed and engaged with us, including Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and CalPERS eSubscriptions. Plus, we recently launched the new site **CalPERSResponds.com** to address key issues.

### New Web Site

CalPERS is pleased to announce the launch of the new Web site **CalPERSResponds.com**. This educational site addresses emerging issues related to pension security, investments, and national health care reform, and our response to these issues.



The site is also the home to Insight, a new video program that highlights conversations with CalPERS leaders on key issues. You can view the site at  **CalPERSResponds.com**.

### Become Our Fan on Facebook

You can now become a fan of CalPERS on Facebook to stay up to date with the latest news and events at CalPERS, view videos about our programs, and connect with us in the same place you connect with your friends and family. Here's how we engage on Facebook:

- We are using Facebook to keep our "fans" informed about news and information about our programs, benefits, and events.
- We use Facebook as a way for you to provide feedback about how we communicate with you online.

While we welcome your comments, we require that you submit any questions about your specific benefits or account via the "Ask CalPERS" link on **CalPERS On-Line** or call our toll-free number **888 CalPERS** (or **888-225-7377**). Do not post any confidential or sensitive information on our Facebook page, as it will be removed.

### Follow Us on Twitter

While people use Twitter in many different ways for both personal and professional reasons, we are using Twitter at CalPERS as another way to keep employers, members, and interested parties informed about what we're doing and as another way to get feedback.

- We are using Twitter to distribute our press releases and to share other information about CalPERS benefits and programs.
- The account is maintained and monitored by the CalPERS Office of Public Affairs.


While we try to respond to questions on Twitter as much as possible, if you have a question, concern, or comment, you may still want to contact us using the "Ask CalPERS" link on **CalPERS On-Line**.

### Watch Us on YouTube

To both increase transparency and save money on video hosting and streaming, we publish all of our video content to our YouTube channel. If you require the video in another format, please contact us and we'll be happy to provide it for you.

While we encourage you to subscribe to our videos, share them, and embed them in your own sites, we often include additional context and information on our Web site that you might find helpful. Visit our Video Center on **CalPERS On-Line** for more information.

### eSubscriptions

CalPERS eSubscriptions are your direct link to the latest news and information about the System. Our CalPERS Employer eBulletins, ePress Alerts, eAgenda Alerts, and bi-monthly eNews keep you connected to CalPERS right through your own email service. You can sign up for any and all of these subscriptions on **CalPERS On-Line** by selecting the  "Stay Informed" link.

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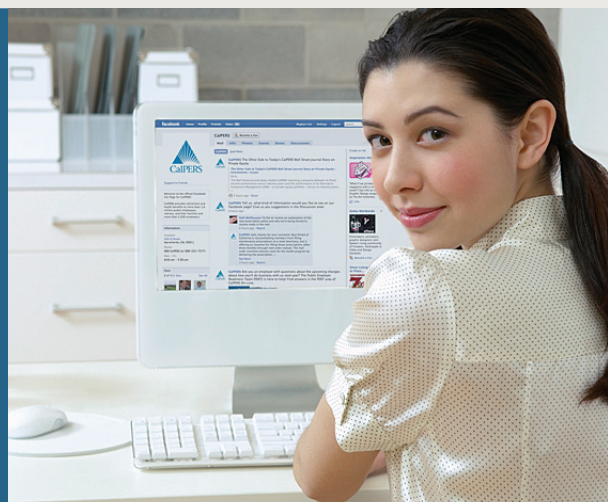
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See our Twitter page at [twitter.com/calpers](https://twitter.com/calpers)

#### YouTube

Check out our videos at [youtube.com/user/CalPERSNetwork](https://www.youtube.com/user/CalPERSNetwork)



## New Laws Effective January 1, 2010

The following summary includes chaptered bills for the first half of the 2009/2010 legislative session that may be of interest to State, public agency, and school employers. The provisions of the bills become effective January 1, 2010.

### Retired Public Employees Vision Care Program

AB 65, Hayashi (Chapter 265, Statutes of 2009) Creates a Retired Public Employees Vision Care Program to provide vision care benefits to retired annuitants of contracting public agencies, school districts, and the University of California. CalPERS will administer the program which is funded entirely by annuitants' premiums and will be implemented no later than January 1, 2011.

### Local Safety Member: Airport Police Officers

AB 86, Nava (Chapter 79, Statutes of 2009) Allows contracting agencies to include their airport law enforcement officers as local safety members through an optional contract amendment. This bill excludes the airport law enforcement officers who are classified as local safety members from participation in the federal Social Security Act.

### Inactive Member Distributions and State Employee Service Credit

AB 399, Brownley (Chapter 240, Statutes of 2009) Requires an inactive member who has attained age 70 to be sent an election form requesting he or she take a refund or retire. Failure to respond within 90 days will be deemed an election to withdraw contributions.

This bill also ensures that furloughed state employees receive the same amount of service credit he or she would have received absent the furlough as intended by the Administration.

### Mandatory Electronic Funds Transfer

AB 637, Hill (Chapter 118, Statutes of 2009) Gives the CalPERS Board of Administration the authority to require that all contracting agencies submit retirement contributions and health premium payments due to CalPERS through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT), unless granted a waiver by the Board.

It also changes the rate of interest CalPERS can charge on late payments to the actuarial rate of interest, rather than a market-based rate.

*Although this legislation gives the CalPERS Board of Administration the authority to mandate payments be made via EFT, we have not developed the policy regarding how and when this will be required for employers. Please note EFT will not be mandated before my|CalPERS goes live.*

### State Annuitants: Legal Services and Vision Care Plan

AB 820, Conway (Chapter 126, Statutes of 2009) This bill makes the self-funded group legal services plan currently offered to State employees also available to retirees. The bill also authorizes the Department of Personnel Administration to directly bill a retiree if there are insufficient funds in the retiree's benefit allowance to pay the premium for the vision care program and provides that moneys in the vision care program are continuously appropriated.

### Housekeeping Bill

AB 966, Committee on Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security (Chapter 130, Statutes of 2009) This bill makes various technical changes and minor policy changes to CalPERS and its administration. The changes are primarily non-substantive in nature.

### Workers' Compensation: Public Employees – Leaves of Absence

AB 1227, Feuer (Chapter 389, Statutes of 2009) For purposes of these provisions, requires that these employees be employed on a regular, full-time basis, but would eliminate the



For complete bill information, including the full text, committee analyses, and vote counts, please visit



[www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)



requirement that these employees be members of CalPERS or the Los Angeles City Employees' Retirement System or subject to the County Employees' Retirement Law of 1937. This bill also provides that the provisions pertaining to a leave of absence shall not apply to certain public safety personnel who are employees of the City and County of San Francisco.

### **Trial Court Employee Service Credit**

**SB 75, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee (Chapter 342, Statutes of 2009)** Existing law, in effect until July 1, 2010, authorizes the Judicial council to implement one day per month court closures and specifies that court employees' retirement benefits shall not be affected. This bill, among other things, requires that retirement service credit and compensation earnable for CalPERS members employed by a trial court that are subject to mandatory furloughs during the 2009-10 fiscal year be based on the amount that would have been credited had the employee not been subjected to mandatory furloughs.

### **1959 Survivor Benefit and Health Prefunding Postemployment Benefits**

**SB 519, Ashburn (Chapter 188, Statutes of 2009)** Deletes the provisions requiring enhanced 1959 survivor benefit levels for State and school employees be eliminated on January 1, 2010. Instead, these benefits will be continued indefinitely. The bill also allocates any amount that would otherwise be used to permanently increase compensation for members of State Bargaining Unit 5 pursuant to the provisions of the most recent MOU, effective on July 1, 2009, and on July 1, 2010, to permanently prefund post employment health care benefits for patrol members, as defined.

## **New Board Member**

Debbie Endsley, Director of the California Department of Personnel Administration (DPA), became an ex officio member of the CalPERS Board of Administration in September 2009. She serves on the pension fund's Benefits and Program Administration, Health Benefits, Investment, and Performance and Compensation Committees. She previously sat on the CalPERS Board for 3 years as a representative for DPA and replaces David Gilb.

In her DPA position, Ms. Endsley oversees State employer-employee relations, the civil service classification system, statewide employee training, and numerous benefit programs such as Savings Plus,



Ms. Endsley serves as the Director of the California DPA and became an ex officio member of the CalPERS Board in September 2009.

a defined contribution retirement savings program for State employees.

Prior to becoming DPA Director, she served DPA as Chief Deputy Director since 2007, Chief of the Benefits Division from 2004 to 2006, and Deputy Chief of the Benefits Division from 1998 to 2004. Ms. Endsley also served CalPERS as a Research Analyst from 1995 to 1998 and worked at the Department of Rehabilitation from 1984 to 1995.

## **The 2010 Census: It Matters to All of Us**


As an employer, you are tuned into the needs of your community. You know better than most what local residents care about and what will motivate them to act. And what better time to act than on Census Day 2010, when we all can impact important local planning decisions for our communities.

CalPERS, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, is encouraging employer and member participation in the 2010 Census. A quality outcome from the census is more critical than ever to California. Help us help the Golden State by taking 10 minutes to complete the census.

Every year, the federal government distributes more than \$400 billion to

states and communities based, in part, on census data. Census data are used to determine locations for retail stores, schools, hospitals, and new housing developments, as well as to plan for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation, and senior services.

Census questionnaires should arrive in the mail **March 15-17, 2010**. By filling out the census and encouraging your employees to do the same, you will help secure federal funding for local services for you and your community.

To learn more, please visit the 2010 Census Web site at  [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census).

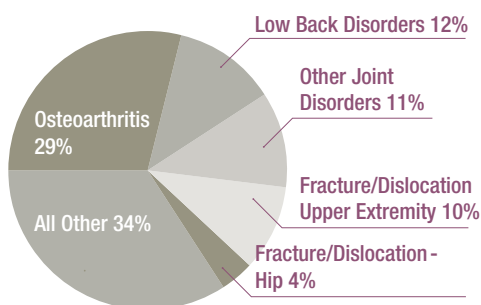
## Be Well, and Well Informed

### Muscle and Bone Conditions

We are continually looking for ways to help contain future health care costs for you and your employees. We recently grouped members' health conditions into categories and identified the ten most costly categories to treat. For Basic health plan members, the category containing muscle and bone conditions was the costliest – accounting for 14 percent of our total health care spending in 2008.

The four costliest conditions within this category are osteoarthritis (wearing away of the cartilage between bones and joints), low back disorders, other joint disorders, and upper extremity fractures or dislocations. The following chart shows the percentage of costs for these conditions, as well as the other conditions, which make up this category:

**Muscle/Bone Conditions Costs  
Percentage Breakdown by Condition**  
Basic Plans 2008



Although bone loss is an unavoidable effect of aging, taking care of bones and joints now can reduce the severity of complications down the road. Here are some tips on bone and joint health you can share with your employees:

#### Get plenty of calcium and vitamin D

Calcium is an essential mineral for building and strengthening bones. Vitamin D helps your body absorb the calcium from food.

#### Protect joints

Practice good posture and use proper body mechanics. Avoid repetitive motions or awkward movements that can strain your joints.

#### Be physically active

The best exercise for healthy bones is the weight-bearing kind, such as walking, jogging, climbing stairs, and

dancing. Be sure to check with your doctor before you begin a regular exercise program.

#### Maintain a healthy weight

Being underweight raises the risk of fracture and bone loss. Being overweight puts added pressure on your bones and joints, which can increase "wear and tear." Excess weight can also increase pain and inflammation for those who already suffer from bone or joint pain.

#### Avoid smoking

Smoking can reduce bone mass.

#### If older, take measures to avoid falls

A study found that exercising in supervised groups, participating in activities such as Tai Chi, and performing individually prescribed home-based exercises, were effective in preventing falls in the elderly.


#### Talk to your doctor

Ask your doctor about steps you can take to maintain or improve bone and joint health. Discuss risk factors and, if necessary, preventive screenings. Also, be sure to discuss ways to protect bones while treating other problems, as some medications can weaken bones.

#### Be informed

Making informed choices can positively impact your health and what you pay for health care. For detailed information about muscle and bone disorders visit [www.health.nih.gov](http://www.health.nih.gov) or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

For other important health trends and tips to share with your employees, visit

 [www.calpers.ca.gov/bewellinformed](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/bewellinformed) on *CalPERS On-Line*.

## Be well, and well informed

**At CalPERS, we care about your health.**

**We want you to be healthy and stay healthy. We also want to help you understand how the health care choices you make affect your well-being and the premiums you pay. Learn more at:**

[www.calpers.ca.gov/bewellinformed](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/bewellinformed)





We want to welcome the following employers who joined the CalPERS Health Program in 2009:

- Nevada Irrigation District
- Amador County Superior Court
- Tuolumne Superior Court
- City of Grand Terrace
- Peninsula Health Care District
- City of Placentia
- South County Area Transit
- Silveyville Cemetery District
- Yuima Municipal Water District
- City of Menifee
- New Haven Unified School District
- Children & Families Commission of San Luis Obispo County
- Stockton Unified School District
- Montebello Unified School District

Whether your employer participation in CalPERS started in 1939 or in 2009, we strive to provide service that meets or exceeds your expectations every time. We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions, please call the Employer Contact Center toll free at 888 CalPERS (or 888-225-7377).

## Mono Lake, California

We are pleased to announce that CalPERS won the 2009 Plan Design and Administration Distinguished Leadership Award from the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators.

This award recognized CalPERS for the successful launch of customized asset allocation investment funds, which we added to our lineup in the CalPERS Supplemental Income 457 Plan.

The 457 Plan offers members a way to save for retirement by participating in high-quality investment funds managed by our investment officers.

CalPERS lowered participant expenses and introduced a variety of new service features aimed at educating and informing participants. Our investment and actuarial teams designed the new fund lineup to offer participants custom asset allocation investment funds to help them invest their retirement savings in well-diversified portfolios or by allowing them to create their own investment allocations through core fund offerings.

Since the launch of the new fund lineup:

- Participation in the Plan has increased
- The number of school and public agencies offering the Plan to their employees has increased significantly
- More participants know the importance of asset allocation and have taken action
- A significant number of participants invested in one of the new asset allocation funds

The CalPERS Supplemental Income 457 Plan is available to employees of public agency and school employers who have adopted the 457 Plan.

For more information check out the SIP Employer Web site at  [www.calpers-sip.com](http://www.calpers-sip.com) or call our SIP office directly at (800) 696-3907.



## Events of Interest

### February through April 2010

Date	Event	Location	
February	3-4 Public Agency Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office San Diego	7676 Hazard Center Drive Suite 350, San Diego
	4 State Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office San Diego	7676 Hazard Center Drive Suite 350, San Diego
	9-11 ACES Employer Training	CalPERS Regional Office San Bernardino	650 East Hospitality Lane, Suite 330 San Bernardino
	10 School Employer Advisory Committee Meeting	CalSTRS Headquarters	100 Waterfront Place, American River Room, West Sacramento
	11 Health Benefits Constituent Work Group	CalPERS Headquarters	400 Q Street, Room 1140 Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	12 California Retirement Dialogue	Los Angeles Convention Center	1201 South Figueroa Street Los Angeles
	15 Holiday – Washington's Birthday	State Offices Closed	
	16 Investment Committee Investment Policy Subcommittee Ad Hoc Risk Management Committee	CalPERS Headquarters Auditorium	400 Q Street Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	17 Benefits and Program Administration Committee Health Benefits Committee, Finance Committee Performance and Compensation Committee	CalPERS Headquarters Auditorium	400 Q Street Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	18 Board of Administration	CalPERS Headquarters Auditorium	400 Q Street Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	23 Public Agency Employer Education Workshop on Disability Retirement	CalPERS Headquarters	400 Q Street, Room 1140 Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	24 Public Agency Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office San Jose	181 Metro Drive, Suite 520 San Jose
	24 School and State Agency Employer Education Workshops on Disability Retirement	CalPERS Headquarters	400 Q Street, Room 1140 Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	25 State Agency Employer Education Workshops on Disability Retirement	CalPERS Headquarters	400 Q Street, Room 1140 Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	25 State Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office San Jose	181 Metro Drive, Suite 520 San Jose
March	11 Health Benefits Constituent Work Group	CalPERS Headquarters	400 Q Street, Room 1140 Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	15 Investment Committee Ad Hoc Risk Management Committee Performance and Compensation Committee	CalPERS Headquarters Auditorium	400 Q Street Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	16 Benefits and Program Administration Committee Health Benefits Committee, Finance Committee	CalPERS Headquarters Auditorium	400 Q Street Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento

## Employer Education & Events

CalPERS offers educational workshops to assist you in meeting retirement program requirements. Visit *CalPERS On-Line* at  [www.calpers.ca.gov](http://www.calpers.ca.gov).

Winter sunset in Emerald Bay, California.

Date	Event	Location	
...March	16 Public Agency Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office Sacramento	400 Q Street, Room 1821/1831 Lincoln Plaza East, Sacramento
	16-18 ACES Employer Training	CalPERS Regional Office Sacramento	400 Q Street, Room 3631 Lincoln Plaza West, Sacramento
	17 Board of Administration	CalPERS Headquarters Auditorium	400 Q Street Lincoln Plaza North, Sacramento
	17 State Agency Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office Sacramento	400 Q Street, Room 1821/1831 Lincoln Plaza East, Sacramento
	24 Public Agency Employer Education Workshop on Disability Retirement	CalPERS Regional Office Orange	500 North State College Blvd. Suite 750, Orange
	25 School and State Agency Employer Education Workshops on Disability Retirement	CalPERS Regional Office Orange	500 North State College Blvd. Suite 750, Orange
	30 Retirement Planning Fair	Sheraton Los Angeles Downtown	711 South Hope Street Los Angeles
	31 Holiday – Cesar Chavez Day	State Offices Closed	
April	2-3 Retirement Planning Fair	Sacramento Convention Center	1400 J Street Sacramento
	7 Public Agency Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office Fresno	10 River Park Place East Suite 230, Fresno
	8 Retirement Planning Fair	Red Lion Inn	1830 Hilltop Drive Redding
	8 State Agency Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office Fresno	10 River Park Place East Suite 230, Fresno
	13-15 ACES Employer Training	CalPERS Regional Office Orange	500 North State College Blvd. Suite 750, Orange
	13 Public Agency Employer Education Workshop on Membership & Payroll	CalPERS Regional Office Walnut Creek	1340 Treat Blvd., Suite 200 Walnut Creek
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A sampling of comments from Forum guests:

“Knowledgeable and competent staff.  
Good pace. Didn’t feel rushed and was  
able to absorb information.”

“Excellent location.”

“Thank you for putting this Forum  
together. You are greatly appreciated.”

“This is my second Forum and I am impressed.  
Keep up the good work!”

“Great conference! Thank you for having  
the upcoming CalPERS changes with ‘All  
Hands on Deck.’”

Read about the highlights of the CalPERS  
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## CERBT Fund Workshops on New GASB Requirements

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- Using the Alternative Measurement Method in an agent multiple-employer OPEB plan
- CERBT financial reporting under GASB 43, 45, 57
- CERBT administrative processes under GASB 43, 45, 57
- The impact of prefunding
- The Participation Agreement
- Steps required to join the CERBT
- Administrative processes of the CERBT

### Register Online

We hope you can join us for one of our workshops. If interest exceeds our available space, we will consider adding more sessions in the near future. For specific times and registration information, or to learn more about the CERBT Fund, please visit our Web page  [www.calpers.ca.gov/cerbt](http://www.calpers.ca.gov/cerbt). You can e-mail your questions directly to [CORE4U@calpers.ca.gov](mailto:CORE4U@calpers.ca.gov) or call the Employer Contact Center at **888 CalPERS** (or 888-225-7377).

### Learn the Basics

At the same time, we will also conduct our “Introduction to the CERBT” workshops. In these workshops you can learn about our trust fund and other information to prepare you to measure, report, and prefund OPEB liabilities. These workshops are geared toward employers unfamiliar with the CERBT Fund, but all employers are welcome to attend. Topics include:

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